

**Biology Focused Technical Group Meeting
December 19, 2007**

Key Questions

- What is the current condition and trend of bird use at the Salton Sea, and which potential future conditions will be most important in planning and managing habitats for birds?
 - What bird species use the Salton Sea?
 - When and how do they use the Salton Sea?
 - What is their abundance over time?
 - What are the important environmental attributes associated with their use?
 - Which potential future conditions will be most important for the performance of the habitat components?

- What is the current condition and trend of fish use at the Salton Sea, and which potential future conditions will be most important in planning and managing habitats for fish?
 - What fish species currently use the Salton Sea?
 - What is their abundance over time?
 - What are the important environmental attributes associated with their use?
 - Which potential future conditions will be most important for the performance of the habitat components?

- What is the current condition and trend of benthic/aquatic invertebrate populations at the Salton Sea, and which potential future conditions will be most important in planning and managing habitats to provide invertebrate food resources for fish and birds?
 - What kinds of invertebrates are found in the Salton Sea?
 - When and how do they use the Salton Sea?
 - What is their abundance over time?
 - What are the important environmental attributes associated with their use?

- Are pileworms an essential component of the ecosystem for fish and birds?
- Which potential future conditions will be most important for the performance of the habitat components with respect to invertebrates?
- What is the current condition and trend of plankton populations at the Salton Sea, and which potential future conditions will be most important in planning and managing habitats to provide plankton as key components of the ecosystem to support fish and birds?
 - What fish species currently use the Salton Sea?
 - What is their abundance over time?
 - What are the important environmental attributes associated with their use?
 - Which potential future conditions will be most important for the performance of the habitat components with respect to plankton?